

CAPTURING THE FENIANS

THE CUSTOM HOUSE PARTY HEADING
OFF TAMMANY HALL.

Two High Old Junketing Parties Gave Down the Bay—A Possible Race for Sand Hook—The Fine to be Collected by the Federal Government—The State of Connecticut Yesterday afternoon the private office of Collector Murphy at the Custom House, was thronged by Federal officials. Among them were Marshal Sharpe, the Hon. Thomas C. Acton, Major Haggerty, Deputy Surveyor, the Hon. James Terwilliger, Gen. Chester A. Arthur, the Hon. Charles S. Spencer, Col. Frank Howe, and several other notables of the New York Customs Committee.

The gentlemen had a long and secret consultation with Mr. Murphy in regard to the arrival of the Irish patriots. It was authoritatively rumored in the corridors of the Custom House that the Collector had received positive instructions from President Grant to take the initiative in the removal of the Irish.

CHAMPAGNE.

After listening to propositions made by the visitors, the Collector suddenly slapped his jaw. "What happened to his leg and exclaimed, 'Now I've got it. He's drunk champagne! How low this time.'"

"Went into it," said Arthur.

"I'll tell you," replied Murphy. "We'll send him back to Cuba. We'll give him a bottle of champagne, whiskey, cigars, and sandwiches for the cabin, and we'll learn the Cubans off Randy Hook before the health officer's boat or the Common Council can get there. We'll make them go home with a hearty greeting and bring them to the city with us in triumph."

The collector warmly responded by every one of the committee.

THE DETAILS OF THE RECEPTION

were then discussed. It was determined to spend any amount of money with a view of entraining the collector.

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The telegraph operator at Sully Hook is to send the first word to the Customs House, as soon as the Cuba is sighted. When the intelligence is received the revenue cutter McCall will be clear to Sand Key, where the Fish Hawk will be waiting to meet the committee on board, and will prevent the city authorities from hearing the Cuba until after the Commodore has possession of the revenues. It is expected that plot is not to be made known to the Commons' council until after it has been carried into execution.

The backers of Grant are already plotting over the prospect of entirely disorganizing the municipal programme.

The conference was held last night in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, during which numerous despatches were received from Washington.

Public interest is hourly growing more intense over the expected visit of the celebrated Irish statesman, Mr. O'Donovan Rossa and his companions. The Cub sailed from Liverpool on the 7th inst., and there is no doubt that the Government will be obliged to alter any moment. Mr. George Roome of the City will hoist the flag on the west wing of that building on the vessel's arrival. Yesterday the members of the Commons Council received communications from the officers of various societies asking to be assigned places in the procession. They have been referred to the Grand Marshal of the day. A steamer is waiting at the wharf at Castle garden to convey the Corn Law Commissioners to the Continent. The Corn Law down the bay as soon as the telegraph announces that the Cub is in sight.

GRAPPLING A BURGLAR.

Terrific Encounter in a Staatsburg Farm House—The Pistol Shot that Missed It—Mark The Burglar Fleeing with a Knife Wound in his Arm.

Staatsburg, Jan. 13.—At about 12 o'clock on Monday night a burglar attempted to enter Mr. Geraldine Boyd's house in Staatsburg, Dutchess county. The family were awakened, and made ready to attack the intruder; but before alarm was given the burglar had fled. Last night, expecting that the robbers would make another attempt, arrangements were made to give him a warm reception. About 12 o'clock this morning a young man named Rogers, of Hyde Park, who was visiting the family, heard the moving of a window in the lower and rear part

the house. He went down stairs and cautiously approached the window, just in time to see the burglar enter the room. The second drew a revolver and fired at Rogers, the ball just missing him as he entered the ceiling. He then drew a knife and struck Rogers on the stomach and the hand. Rogers also drew a knife, and the two were grappled. A severe tussle ensued, both going down out of the room. Rogers then rushed to the door and fled.

In the middle Rogers struck the racial with his knife when, uttering a cry of pain, the burglar ran up his head, and breaking cover, fled. The knife stuck in his head and he was unable to move around and pursued given, but they failed to catch the thief. This morning the knife was found in a piece of wood in the yard. The blood on the floor and the blood were observed leading from the house to the woods. An unsuccessful search was made for the burglar. It is thought that he was normally wounded.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Ex Alderman Markey's stables in Stewart's alley, Brooklyn, were damaged last evening about \$2,000; it is thought that the fire was caused by a candle.

Major Gibbs's residence, near Fort Tompkins State Island, formerly owned by William H. Aspinwall, was burned last evening.

BROOKLYN.

Fire Marshal Kennedy's report shows that Brooklyn lost \$2,450 in one night.

The annual ball of the James O'Brien Association, in Brooklyn last night, was largely attended.

United States Marshal Dallon has signed the *Trade Mark* for the purpose of the alleged libelousness of the publishing of a series of articles charging that the Marshal was incompetent, and responsible for the escape of dangerous criminals.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Assistant treasurer Jerome B. Was, of Brooklyn, has resigned.

The Democrats of the Second New Hampshire District have nominated N. Bond of Manchester for Congress.

Mr. S. N. Pike has bought the horse of Mr. Charles O'Connor, on Fifth avenue, near Forty-second street.

The Board of Health have adopted resolutions which are to be engrossed and presented to the Legislature.

Mr. T. Breckin.

Senator H. H. Hilditch has been elected United States Senator from Delaware, to succeed his brother, the present Senator.

Moses H. Grinnell remarked to Capt. William H. Hilditch, who is now in the world that those who have been the architects of their own lives.

Private Secretary, Fellows (In the General House): Your honor, if there is any delay in the session of the Legislature, it is attributable to the fact that the Legislature is not yet organized.

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On Sunday night James Terrill, deceived by fog as to the distance of the Astoria ferry boat from the Ninety-second street pier, attempted to step aboard and fell into the water and was drowned. Coroner's jury yesterday censured the ferry company for having no lights, gales, chains, or means of saving the boat.